

To the Members of the California State Assembly:

I am returning Assembly Bill 726 without my signature.

It is unclear why an additional evaluation of the Community-Based English Tutoring (CBET) program is necessary. AB 56 (Mazzoni), Chapter 1009, Statutes of 1999, required an evaluation of the effects of Proposition 227. This evaluation conducted by the American Institutes of Research and WestEd also includes an evaluation on the CBET program. The final report on the *Effects of the Implementation of Proposition 227 on the Education of English learners* will be submitted to the California Department of Education by October 1, 2005. After the department's review, it will be provided to the Governor and Legislature. This bill is redundant of those current efforts, and therefore it is unnecessary.

For these reasons, I am unable to sign this bill at this time.

Sincerely,

Arnold Schwarzenegger